Requirement of Houses and Residential Plots in Urban Areas of the Country

921. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of houses and residential plots in urban areas . in the country;

(b) the total number of persons who do not have houses or residential plots in Ahmedabad; and

(c) the time by which Government will provide houses/plots to the family of every citizen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) State-wise data relating to available housing stock is compiled during the decennial census operations. The results of Census of India 2001 are not available as yet. However the number of absolutely shelterless persons in urban areas in the country as per 1991 census was 7,25,529.

The houseless population in the Ahmedabad District and Ahmedabad Urban Agglomeration was 7659 & 3076 respectively as published in the Census of India 1991—General Population Tables.

(c) Government is taking all possible steps to ensure that the target of housing for all, particularly the vulnerable sections of the society is achieved within the next 15 years.

Applications for "D" Form from Plot Owners in Rohini Zone, New Delhi

922. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of plot owners in Rohini Zone, Delhi have applied for the issue of 'D' Form during the last three months in respect of their houses which are being constructed by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of plot holders who have been issued 'D' Forms and by when the remaining cases are likely to be settled;

(d) whether Government propose to dispense with the requirement of issue of 'D' Form in view of large scale corruption indulged in by the officials of DDA; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A total of 2,472 plot owners had applied to the DDA for issue of Form *D' during the last 3 months. During the same period, Form 'D' had been issued to 1,968 plot holders. Efforts are being made by the DDA to dispose of the remaining applications early.

(d) and (e) The issue of dispensing with the requirement of 'D' Form, which is a part of a proposal for amendment of the provisions of Building Bye-laws, is under consideration of the Government.

Raising of Funds Through Tax Free Municipal Bonds

923. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether urban municipal bodies have recently been allowed to raise funds by issuing tax free municipal bonds for capital investment in new projects and for augmentation of existing infrastructural services like roads, bridges, sewerage, water supply and solid waste management etc.;

(b) if so, the salient points of the guidelines issued in this connections; and

(c) the names of urban municipal bodies from whom proposals for issuing such bonds have been received and clearance given therefor, so far?